

# Tattersall's NEWS



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## New Premier to speak at Club in November

The Younger Members Group have pulled off a real coup in obtaining a speaker for the Younger Members' Group Luncheon.

In what will be one of his first appearances before a business audience since becoming Premier of New South Wales, Mr Barrie Unsworth will be the guest of honour at a younger Members' luncheon on Monday, November 10. Mr Unsworth, although regarded as being on the right wing of the Labor Party, is bound to provide an enormous contrast to Mr Andrew Hay who is making a reputation for himself as a vigorous defender of free enterprise against trade union pressure, and will precede him at a luncheon on September 24.

Mr Unsworth, 52, became a trade union organiser in 1961 and six years later was elected an organiser of the Labor Council of New South Wales.

He became Assistant Secretary of the Council in 1975 and has made rapid progress in his political career since.

Mr Unsworth won a Churchill Scholarship in 1966 which enabled him to take part in a Trade Union Programme at Harvard University and in 1974 he was a member of the Australian contingent at the Duke of Edinburgh Study Conference on industrial relations at Oxford.

Mr Unsworth became a part time Commissioner for Public Transport from 1972 to 1975 and a member of the Pipeline Authority from 1973 to 1978. In 1979 he was elected Secretary of the Labor Council and gave up this position in 1984 to enter politics full time.

He had already become a member of the N.S.W. Legislative Council in 1978 and following the re-election of the Wran Government in 1984, became Leader of the Upper house and Minister for Transport.

Early this year he took on the Health portfolio and on July 4 was sworn in as Premier, Minister for State Development and Minister for Ethnic Affairs.

At the time of writing this newsletter, Mr Unsworth had won a cliff-hanger by-election for the seat of Rockdale by 71 votes, subject to a recount.

The Club is particularly fortunate to have the Premier as its guest at a time when the State Government is in transition from Mr Wran's

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## Vale, Sam Block



Sam Block.

Passed away Monday, July 28, 1986.

Joined Tattersall's Club May 4, 1931.

Honorary Life Member April 28, 1975.

Universally, whenever Tattersall's Club or the third floor of our club is mentioned among sportsmen and gentlemen, the name of Sam Block will be revered.

Sportsman, Gentleman, Competitor, Friend Extraordinaire.

The memory of Sam will echo forever among his thousands of friends who had the privilege of his great qualities afforded them.

We all mourn deeply for his dear wife, Nell and their family.

Rest in Peace, Sam.

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## Dates for Your Diary

**Ski Club Family Week.** Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo, September 6 to 13. Bed, breakfast and dinner including wine, six nights, expected cost \$300. Bookings through Joanne.

**Tattersall's Club Horse Owner of the Year.** To be announced at the club, September 1.

**Tattersall's Plate Race Meeting.** Randwick, September 6. For featured races, see article this issue.

**Golf Fixtures.** Manly, October 2; Australian, October 16; Royal Sydney (Championships), December 5.

**Young Members Luncheons,** 12.30pm, Club Room: Monday September 8, Guest Speaker, Prof. Geoffrey Blainey; Wednesday, September 24, Guest Speaker,

Andrew Hay; Monday, November 10, Guest Speaker, The Premier of N.S.W., The Hon B. J. Unsworth.

**Epicureans Concert Visit.** Thursday, September 25. James Galway in recital, Sydney Opera House. Dinner at the club first and transport to the Opera House provided. Tickets \$36 ea. through Joanne.

**Special black tie dinner night,** Club Room, proposed for Mid October. Details of date, price and entertainment next newsletter.

**Bowling Club Annual Matches:** v Kensington, Thursday, August 21; v Newcastle Tattersall's, Monday, September 23 at Gosford City (travel by coach).

National Tattersall's tournament, April 5 - 9, 1987.

# **Sam Block – a sporting all-rounder**

The Club will sorely miss Sam Block, whose death is officially noted on Page 1. The picture of Sam published there is from the photograph hanging on the Third Floor in the Athletics Department, which was presented to him in October 1980 for services to the club, particularly as co-founder of the Tattersall's Swimming Club.

The remainder of this appreciation is taken from an article on Sam's career, published in Tattersall's Club Magazine in October, 1970.

At Crown Street School, from whence came many of Australia's best sportsmen, Sam was captain of the school and of football for three years, representing NSW at schoolboys' rugby union. He could run very close to evens and from 1925 to 1930 was champion of the Corinthian AAC over 100, 200 and 440 yards and in 1928 won the Club Decathlon title.

Sam was an all-rounder. He was taught boxing by champions Matt Wells and Harry Stone and took part in a number of contests.

Sam joined Tattersall's Club in 1931 and has always been an ardent worker for the club's interests. First

secretary of the Handball Club in 1932, officialdom did not cramp his playing and between 1933 and 1939 he was club champion four times.

Sam's enthusiasm and consistency carried him far in club swimming contests and he took the Dewar Cup outright by winning it in 1935 and 1936 after being runner up in 1934. At dominoes, with his partner, Percy Hunter, he became champion of both Tattersall's and the Civic Club.

Sam's father was a horse owner-trainer and Sam rode successfully in the country as an amateur and also owned several successful ponies.

During World War 2 Sam served with the AIF in New Guinea and the North and spent two years in hospital as a result of a war illness.

His final role at Tattersall's, that of Hon. Secretary of the Swimming Club, Sam took on following the death of his friend, Jack Dexter, who previously held the position.

Sam's funeral, which left the Chevra Kadisha Memorial Hall, Oxford Street for the Jewish Cemetery and Rookwood on Thursday, July 31, was attended by a number of Tattersall's Club members.

## **Eddie Charlton favourite for Snooker title**

The Annual Snooker Tournament has now reached the final 32.

The handicappers' desire to give all players an equal chance has been rewarded by eight players handicapped 65 or over reaching the final 32.

The favourite, Eddie Charlton, is still there, Bob Smith, Bill Hennebery (almost a pro), Bob Lavigne (if he has an audience) Clive Milliken (White Fox), John Hoyle (Hardrock), Lee Bluett and Ron Rogers are big chances.

John Hudson, Champion Amateur in his first year in our tournament, has the highest break of 56. Congrats, John.

We are conducting a Pairs Round Robin on August 28, commencing at 5pm and subsequent Pairs Tournaments on the last Thursday of each month. Please ring our amiable professional, Paddy Morgan for details.

The Billiards Tournament has reached the last eight, with Lee Bluett, last year's winner, the favourite. Should he win he will take out the prestigious George

### **Mousally Trophy.**

It is pleasing to see a greater interest being taken in billiards. For instance, a young improver, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, has now reached the quarter final for the second year running. — Doug Jordan.

## **Bowling Notes**

The club bowlers offer a special welcome to two new committeemen, Lyle Clark and Jack Taverner who were elected to the Bowling Club Committee at the annual meeting held at the club on July 4.

Their help will be invaluable during the busy tournament season next year and we all wish them well.

Congratulations are due to Tattersall's bowlers who have reached State Triples group Finals. They are Jim Williams and Bill West (Eastern Suburbs) and Tim Anderson (Northern Suburbs).

Results to date from the Mens Singles Championships are: Quarter Finals, Alan McDonald b L. Clark; Len Burke b B. Mobbs; David Cohen b D. Solomon. Still to play: Bill West v J. Shaffran and Harold McKay v J. Macrus.

## **PREMIER AT THE CLUB**

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Premiership to Mr Unsworth's, and when the Government is having to reconsider all its policies in the light of apparent rejection by the electors at two by-elections.

Members will be particularly pleased to note that Mr Unsworth has volunteered to answer questions from the floor at the end of his address.

### **DON'T MISS ANDREW HAY**

Andrew Hay, the speaker at a luncheon prior to Mr Unsworth, represents the very opposite end of the political spectrum.

The Australian Federation of Employers has grown out of the well known initiatives of John Leard, former Managing Director of Australian National Industries Ltd., but it is Andrew Hay's task as its new head to give it a direction and purpose that is relevant to Australian businessmen, particularly small businessmen, who in recent times have been showing discontent with traditional employer organisations.

Andrew Hay, who is also President of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, has proved his abilities as a business leader and initiator with his Chamber of Commerce campaigns against trade unions who had launched sieges against Dollar Sweets in Melbourne and the Mudginberry abattoir in the Northern Territory.

In both cases unions had thrown extremely vigorous pickets around the companies which successfully denied the companies the ability to trade, and in both cases Andrew Hay helped fund and direct the owner's counter campaign which saw the unions defeated in the civil courts.

Members will have the opportunity to get both sides of the employer v trade unions debate — and to put the same questions to both the man intent on curbing union power and the man whose whole career has been spent working in the union movement and rising to its leadership.

## **Club Magazine**

The next issue of Tattersall's Club magazine will be published in November.

Advertisers are requested to give the earliest possible consideration to their space requirements and be sure to book their space before October 1.

Members who have editorial items they wish included in the magazine are requested to contact the editor, who can be reached through Margaret Bell or Joanne at the club office.

# Chance to see legendary race

The Tattersall's Plate Race Meeting on September 6 offers members the chance to see one of the legendary races of the Australian Calendar, the Subaru Chelmsford Stakes.

Indeed, it's a race described by Club Chairman, Tony McSweeney, as the most illustrious in the Calendar, in his opinion.

The reason: the great horses which have won it in the past — including such giant performers as Phar Lap, Ming Dynasty, Tulloch, Gunsynd and Kingston Town.

And the race meeting itself has gained great reputation too in recent years and is now one of the top five race meetings of the year for the AJC in terms of attendance and bookmakers' turnover.

This has not always been the case and the meeting in fact has made a "come-back" in the past 10 years since Tony McSweeney, and later Norman Rogers became Chairman of the Tattersall's Racing Committee.

At this year's meeting, sponsorships have been obtained for all races except the Tattersall's Plate itself, which is sponsored by the club.

The sponsored races at the Tattersall's Meeting are the Dewars Roman Consul Stakes, the Evergreen Lodge Furious Stakes, the N.Z.I. Securities Handicap, the Peregrine Adventures Handicap, the Subaru Chelmsford Stakes, the Tattersall's Bookmakers' Handicap, the Tattersall's Plate and the Van Heusen Tramway Handicap.

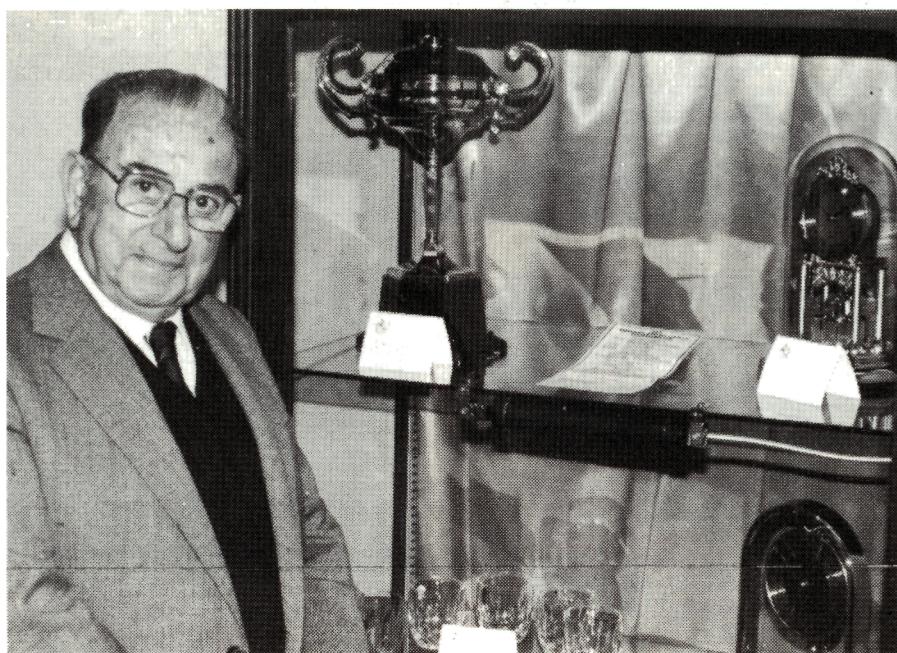
As always, a highlight of the day will be the club luncheon for committee members and their guests from the club, and the ladies' luncheon for committee members' wives and guests.

The meeting race meeting will also help to highlight the announcement, at a cocktail party on September 1, of the Tattersall's Club Owner of the Year for 1986.

## Pool Splashes

The Pool Splashes Column was one of the hallmarks of Sam Block's contribution to Tattersall's Club, and it seems appropriate that on this occasion when he is no longer with us to provide the column, it should be omitted from the newsletter.

## GEORGE — TROPHY WINNER AND DONOR



George Mousally

Tattersall's Club snooker and billiards enthusiasts probably feel, to a man, that life won't be quite the same on the Second Floor now that George Mousally has retired from his long term membership of the Snooker and Billiards Committee.

However, the news is not quite that bad. George, who says that at 84 he feels it is time to make way for younger blood, will still be active in the role of consultant to the committee.

George has been a member of the club for 35 years — he is now a Life Member — and has been a member of the Snooker and Billiards Committee for over 30 of them.

And George has made one absolutely indelible mark on Tattersall's Club billiards. He has won the Club Championship 16 times — the last time was a mere three years ago — and thereby set a record which seems unlikely to be beaten.

His most memorable game, he recalls, was against the then State Champion Arthur Ball, who was 247 to George's 144 in a 250 up match.

"As I went to the table for the last time, Arthur was putting a bit more chalk on his cue, ready to deliver the coup de grace," says George. "Arthur didn't like being beaten and he was not a bit pleased when I made a break of 106 to take the match."

George, however, is not just a billiards player. In his younger days he played A Grade tennis in Melbourne before he came to Sydney to live in 1939. He kept up his tennis at the White City until

after World War 2.

That was when George took up golf, which he continued playing at Oatlands until he was 75.

George originally lived in Broken Hill, where his father arrived in 1888 from Lebanon to work in the mines. The family moved to Melbourne early this century and George, when he moved to Sydney, opened Rondel's Fashion Store in Market Street, opposite David Jones on what is now the site of Centre Point.

In 1971 when George was 69, Rondel's had to make way for the new development and he re-opened in the suburbs, intending to return when the Centre Point Gallery Level opened.

George retired instead, and now says that Tattersall's Club has become his second home and he relishes the association with the members which has afforded him great pleasure and a very happy period of membership. Because of this, George now provides trophies each year for the Club Handicap Billiards and Snooker Championships and for any player who wins any two Handicap events.

"The trophies are a contribution that I like to make in return for all the club has given me," says George. His only slight regret is that he feels he cannot play in the Handicap events any more because he would be competing for his own trophy.

"I don't play very often these days, and billiards needs a lot of practice," says George.

"But I think I will probably play in the Club Billiards Championship this year, at least."

## Our Survey – What You Think

If it had been a mail order campaign, the results of the club survey, conducted through the May issue of the Tattersall's Magazine, would be considered very good. 104 members answered the survey out of 3,500, or approximately three percent.

However, the response has to be regarded as a bit disappointing since the people invited to take part were the members of the club, and therefore vitally interested in the club and its future — but only sufficiently so in three percent of cases to return the form.

Most of the responses received came from older members of the club.

Without any doubt, the dining room is the most used facility in the club and practically all respondents said they had lunch and dinner in the club during the past year. Together with the sports facilities, this made up the major part of club usage.

Respondents frequently commented on the quality of membership as one of the club's major good points, but the quality of service and the calibre of the staff also received many favourable comments.

There is no doubt whatever as to the major "Bad Point" of the club in most members' eyes. It is the lack of car parking. A country member wrote to say that although he understood parking was available for functions, people in his position needed overnight parking.

The acquisition of car parking, followed by improvements to the accommodation were the major suggestions for improvement of club facilities. However a few members also called for improvements to the dining room and menu, although many also mentioned the dining room as one of the club's main good points.

All respondents to the survey commented on the reputation of the club, its atmosphere, its prestige and standing in the community and the need to ensure these are maintained in the future, which will of course be a major objective of the planned renovations.

## JAMES GALWAY

Have you booked for the James Galway concert yet? In addition to his printed classical programme, James Galway always plays a selection of folk songs and more popular music. And the club has only 100 tickets available for the night. So if you want to go, ring Joanne soon.

## A GREAT WEEK AT WIRRUNA



*Club members at the Men's Week event at Wirruna Lodge, Perisher, warm up the inner man after a day on the slopes*

The Tatts Ski Club Men's Week from the 19th July, was once again a very happy event.

It was a chance to catch up with old friends and an opportunity for a number of younger of Tatts Ski Club members to experience our men's week for the first time.

The first timers were very warmly welcomed by our lodge Captain, Basil Phillips who mentioned how delighted we were that younger members were present, as this encouraged us to believe that a new generation would carry on the tradition.

Skiing conditions during the week were generally very good and overall improved, and on the Friday we experienced fresh powder snow which remained in excellent condition throughout the day and was a wonderful way to end the week.

Our thanks to the Wirruna Club for again inviting us to use their fine facilities.

during a week in which skiing conditions were very good, culminating in a good snow fall on the final day.

### HANDBALL RESULTS

#### 1986 B GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST

**ROUND:** David Dobbin Bye; John Barnes d Fred Loneragan 32/30; Rod Fisher d John Reid 31/17; Peter Barnes d Tony Salier 31/21; Doug Salier d Veni Hrouda 31/25; Bruce Upcroft d Martin McCurrich 31/15; Les Hams d Terry Jackman W/O

**Repechage:** Tony Salier — Winner

**QUARTER FINALS:** David Dobbin d Tony Salier; John Barnes d Doug Salier; Les Hams d Peter Barnes; Rod Fisher v Bruce Upcroft (to play)

#### 1986 A GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Invitations have been mailed to the A Grade players. Entries closed Friday August 15 when seeding took place. matches will commence shortly and the contest will end no later than Friday October 31. The finalists in B Grade will be added to this competition.

## New Members Welcomed

New Members admitted to the club during August were:

Beasley, Malcolm Stanley, Managing Director of Financial Management Research Centre; Hastings, Peter Selby, Barrister;

Horgan, Brendan Anthony, Lending Manager for NSW Building Society; Ind, Jonathon David, Company Director, Hot Clothing Co. Pty Ltd;

Lissner, Colin David, City Mutual Life Assurance, Occupational Manager;

Puska, Stephen Victor, Insurance Broker for Alexander Stenhouse Ltd;

Slater, Thomas Robin, Real Estate and Property Developer for H. J. Slater and Son;

Sutherland, Victor Paul, Horsetrainer;

Whiteley, Victor Gordon, Director of Marketing, Sperry Ltd.